



Update
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The Wlpop Clock is Ticking: WHA Information Center is currently processing the last quarterly data submissions (4Q04) on its interim data collection system. As work on the interim system winds down, we are busy preparing for a new era in Wisconsin hospital data reporting with the Wlpop system.

Wlpop will collect unlimited numbers of diagnoses and procedures, will collect revenue-code detail, and will expand data collection to include all hospital outpatient services.

We sincerely appreciate the diligence and cooperation facilities have demonstrated during the transition to the Wlpop system. Approximately 70 facilities have now either submitted test data or share programming resources with a facility that has submitted test data. Many other facilities will soon be doing so.

Data submitters, CEOs and CFOs will soon receive reminders in the mail about the transition to Wlpop. **The deadline for submitting inpatient, ambulatory and ED data for 1Q05 is May 16, 2005, only 11 weeks away.**

The WHA Information Center staff is always willing to assist facilities as they develop the necessary Wlpop programming changes. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

User Groups: With the implementation of Wlpop, 2005 will be a year of many changes for WHA Information Center and hospital data collection in Wisconsin. This year will provide opportunities for our user groups to offer expertise and advice as privatized hospital data collection in Wisconsin moves into its second phase.

Contact us at WHAInfoCenter@wha.org if you are interested in participating in our Data Submitter, Data Consumer or Data Publication groups.

Please note that Data Submitter User Group minutes can now be found on our Web site at http://www.whainfocenter.com/dsug_minutes.htm.

Important Dates and Deadlines

Feb. 28: Extended deadline for submitting Annual and Fiscal Survey responses and Uncompensated Health Care reports (9/30/04 Fiscal-Year Ends).

Mar. 11: Deadline for physician requests to review 4Q04 data.